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## **Harbor-UCLA/Metrocare Interim Chief Executives Named**

LOS ANGELES, February 8, 2007 – The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) today announced the appointment of Miguel Ortiz-Marroquin as acting chief executive officer (CEO) of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance to replace Tecla Mickoseff, who retires February 9.

Ortiz-Marroquin currently serves as chief operations officer for Harbor-UCLA and is also responsible for the Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center and the County's primary care clinics in the region. Miguel has 35 years of County healthcare service, 25 at Harbor-UCLA, and has also served as chief operating officer and interim CEO at other County health facilities.

The department also announced the appointment of Sharon Grigsby as acting CEO of Metrocare, the oversight management structure for Harbor-UCLA and the new Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital (MLK-Harbor) in Willowbrook. The interim post had been held by Mickoseff.

“Miguel and Sharon are experienced and dedicated hospital administrators who will lead the department's plan for an integrated health delivery system in South and Coastal Los Angeles County,” said DHS director and chief medical officer Bruce Chernof, M.D.

Grigsby will serve in dual roles as Metrocare acting CEO and DHS chief network officer, overseeing the County's public hospitals, comprehensive health centers, and public/private clinic network. Previously, she served as executive director of the County's Bioterrorism Preparedness program, and earlier served as chief operations officer at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and Harbor-UCLA.

The interim appointments are effective February 10. The department has engaged a national search to fill both executive positions.

Mickoseff is retiring after 37 years of County service, with 25 years spent at Harbor-UCLA. During her tenure, Harbor developed its national reputation for high quality patient care, teaching and research programs. Mickoseff also expanded and hospital and secured approval for the new emergency department and operating room replacement building.